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to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later filed application. Please also amend claim 20 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as follows. A marked up version of amended claim 20 wherein the deleted material is in brackets and the inserted material is underlined is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Please also add new claim 26.

- 20. (Amended) A method for evaluating the ability of an agent to inhibit binding of ERAB polypeptide to amyloid-beta peptide which comprises:
- (a) incubating ERAB polypeptide, the agent and amyloid-beta peptide under suitable binding conditions;
 - (b) determining the amount of amyloid-beta peptide bound to ERAB polypeptide from the incubate of (a); and
 - (c) comparing the amount of bound amyloid-beta peptide determined in step (b) with an amount of amyloid-beta peptide bound to ERAB polypeptide determined in the absence of the agent, wherein when the amount of amyloid-beta peptide bound to ERAB polypeptide is decreased in the presence of said agent, the ability of the agent to inhibit binding of ERAB polypeptide to amyloid-beta peptide is determined.--